

**ADOPTION
APPLICATION**

A family interested in adopting a child from foster care must complete the DHS-3153A, Adoption Application. Contracted adoption agencies may supplement the application with additional information.

- Completion of an adoption application is a condition of eligibility and required before starting the assessment process.
- Information on the form is confidential and may be used as part of the adoptive process only.
- Withheld or false information may result in denial of the adoption application.

**NON-
DISCRIMINATION**

The DHHS non-discrimination statement is:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, political beliefs or disability.

The above statement applies to all applications filed for adoption of DHHS supervised children, including DHHS supervised children assigned to a contracted agency.

**DHHS Publication
538, Michigan's
Adoption Subsidy
Programs**

Prior to completion of the adoptive family assessment, the family must be given copies of the DHHS Publication 538, Michigan's Adoption Subsidy Programs, the DHS-823, Adopting a Child in Michigan, the DHS-255, Agency Adoption Program Statement and the DHS-4081, Adoption Assistance Intent Statement (available online at: <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>) The family's acknowledgement of receipt of this publication is included on the last page of the DHS-3153A, Adoption Application.

Adoption workers must provide clear information to prospective adoptive parent(s) regarding the adoption assistance program on behalf of all eligible children.

**Persons Wishing
to be Considered
For a Specific
Child**

Persons who have a significant relationship with a child who is available for adoption and indicate an interest in adopting the child must be provided an adoption application by the agency with the supervisory care of the child. Receipt of the application by the adoption agency and completion of an adoption application does not necessarily mean that a full family assessment will be completed; see ADM 0510, Adoptive Family Assessment.